

# A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



*Morganfield probably looked different when this photo was taken than when Lincoln visited. The courthouse did not exist in 1840 but is visible in this 1909 postcard. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection. Graphic5\_Box13\_304.*

## **UNION COUNTY: LINCOLN SPOKE HERE — AND ONLY HERE**

The only known speech Abraham Lincoln gave in his native state took place in September 1840 in Morganfield. Lincoln was stumping for Whig candidate William Henry Harrison in Shawneetown, Illinois, near the Ohio River. George W. Riddell and other Whig supporters heard him and persuaded him to speak at a rally they had planned in Morganfield. History does not record what he said.



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